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Title: METHOD FOR SURFACE TREATMENT OF THE INTERIORS  
OF ENGINE CYLINDER BORES, AND CYLINDERS MADE  
BY SAID METHOD

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE**

The relevance of reference EP 0716158A1 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

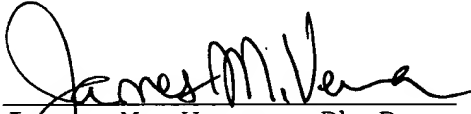
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, applicants attach herewith a copy of the corresponding International Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language abstract summarizing each of the disclosures of the documents submitted herewith.

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